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## Chickasaw National Recreation Area News Release

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### Cleaning Up and Repair begin After Tropical Depression Bill

National Park Service (NPS) personnel have restored most of the facilities in the Platt Historic District which were impacted by Tropical Depression Bill. The Travertine Nature Center, Central and Cold Springs campgrounds have reopened after being briefly closed because of water crossing the road, downed trees and other damage. The levels in Travertine and Rock Creek continue to keep some of the water crossings closed but are slowly dropping. However currents are still very strong and Park Rangers are strongly recommending caution and adult supervision. Flood waters have moved bottom features resulting in changing depths.

Chickasaw National Recreation Area received almost seven inches of rain from Tropical Depression Bill causing wide spread flooding and closures. Water covered the road to Central and Cold Springs campgrounds which led to their closures by Park management. The Travertine Nature Center was closed so that NPS personnel could protect exhibits and other assets using sandbags, tarpaulins and by relocating equipment to higher locations. Several roads, trails and the Nature Center were blocked by downed trees.

Lake of the Arbuckles rose almost 6 feet during this event which caused water to cover the road to the Point Campground. It also forced the removal of infrastructure equipment to higher ground. At

this time, the Point Campground is closed and expected to remain so for several days after the lake levels drop.

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